

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Bonutti *et al.*

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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR SECURING BODY  
TISSUE

Examiner: J. Woo

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

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Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed April 25, 2007, please enter the following remarks into the file for the above-identified application. Applicants submit these remarks serve to place the application in condition for allowance.